Speed of DTC Buses

*155. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been some complaints about the high speed of the Delhi Transport Corporation buses;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that D. T. C. buses comply with speed limits prescribed by the traffic authorities for various roads;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the bus drivers are under pressure to drive fast because of tight schedules set for them by the depot officials; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up a special DTC cell to check the speed and take action against defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) With a view to have a check on the speed of the buses mechanical speed governors— an inbuilt part of the fule injection pump is provided in all vehicles, which controls the speed to a predetermined limit. Besides, speed limit brackets are also being fitted in the buses which also prevent driving at speeds more than 40 kms. per hour in city routes.

(c) No, Sir. Regular route surveys are conducted and adequate running time is provided and time schedules are adjusted wherever found necessary.

(d) The DTC has already deployed 16 mobile squads for this purpose and the erring drivers are replaced on the spot as a first step.

Opening of Central and Model Schools

*156. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Schools and Model Schools proposed to be opened during the next financial year and how many of them are proposed to be opened in the backward areas;

(b) whether Government propose to open such schools in the tribal areas of Orissa; and

(c) if so, by when such schools are likely to be opened in Mayurbhanj, Phulbani and Kalahandi districts of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Kendriya Vidyalayas are primarily intended to provide educational facilities to children of transferable Central Government employees.

The number and location of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened is decided by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at the time of commencement of the academic session each year depending on the sanctioned budget and acceptable proposals available.

A model school, now to be called Navodaya Vidyalaya, is proposed to be opened in each district of the country during the Seventh plan period. The States/Union Territories have been requested to identify suitable land and buildings for start the schools. The number of schools